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SUBJECT: IZMIR AREA BOMBINGS

REF: GRIBBLE-THURMOND OCT 16 TELECON

1. BETWEEN MIDNIGHT OCT 15 AND NOON OCT 16 IZMIR AREA EXPERIENCED THREE BOMBINGS AND ONE BOMBING ATTEMPT, TWO OF WHICH REPORTEDLY TARGETED AGAINST NATIONAL ACTION PARTY-ASSOCIATED IDEALISTS MOVEMENT, ONE AGAINST NATO AND ONE AGAINST PAN AM. NONE CAUSED HUMAN INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS REPORTEDLY LIGHT. US MILITARY INVESTIGATIVE LIAISON SEEKING FURTHER

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DETAILS FROM TURKISH POLICE.

2. PER TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE, TWO EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED DURING NIGHT OF OCT 15-16 IN IZMIR SUBURBS OF BAYRAKLI AND GUMUSPALA.

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LOCAL/PRESS REPORTED THESE OCCURRED AT ULKU OCAKLARI PREMISES,

DAMAGING WINDOWS AND FURNITURE. EYEWITNESS REPORTEDLY OBSERVED TWO PERSONS IN RED MURAT LEAVE BOMB AT BAYRAKLI SITE.

3. SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DETONATED UNDER NATO-LICENSED VEHICLE PARKED NEAR LSE HQS AT 0005/HOURS OCT 16. ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCE WHO INVESTIGATED EXPLOSION, LIGHTLY DAMAGED CAR WAS ADDIGNED TO CAPT T.S. SANDER, USA, OIC OF LSE COUNTER-INTEL UNIT. THIS WAS REPORTEDLY ONLY CAR BEARING NATO PLATES OF SOME TWENTY PARKED IN THE AREA. CAPT SANDER PERSONALLY FILED CHARGE AGAINST "PERSONS UNKNOWN" WITH TURKISH POLICE CIRCA 0300 HOURS OCT 16.

4. SHORTLY AFTER NOON ON OCT 16 PAN AM EMPLOYEE DISCOVERED SUSPICIOUS/OBJECT ON PAA OFFICE AIR CONDITIONER. TURKISH POLICE INVESTIGATED AND CONFIRMED THAT ITEM WAS EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. (OFFICIAL SOURCE NOT YET ABLE TELL US POTENTIAL STRENGTH OF DEVICE).

5. EXPLOSIONS AT BAYRAKLI AND GUMUSPALA APPEAR CONNECTED WITH RECENT FIGHTING BETWEEN LEFTISTS AND "COMMANDOS" (IZMIR 327), AND

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OTHER THAN COINCIDENCE IN TIME WE HAVE NO INDICATION THEY RELATED TO INCIDENTS DESCRIBED IN PARAS THREE AND FOUR ABOVE. LATTER TWO ATTEMPTS SEEM MORE DESIGNED TO THREATEN OR ATTRACT ATTENTION THAN TO CAUSE INJURY; NONETHELESS, US OFFICIAL COMMUNITY HAS BEEN REMINDED OF NEED TO PRACTICE APPROPRIATE DEFENSIVE MEASURES.

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